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ASK EPA!!

Questions and Answers about Asbestos and EPA's Investigation

Q: What was the EPA meeting about last week?

A: EPA met with real estate professionals last week. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current status of EPA's cleanup and its effects on real estate transactions. The meeting was in response to calls that EPA has gotten from home buyers, sellers, appraisers, lenders and insurers, and realtors.

EPA continues to work hard to minimize the impacts of Libby's Cleanup on home sales, while still ensuring that potential buyers have access to sampling information on individual properties. Feedback from the real estate community on the actions EPA takes to remove barriers to completing real estate transactions was generally very good.

This was the first of several meetings EPA is planning with local groups this summer. EPA wants to talk with many different groups in the community about current cleanup issues as well as future plans. EPA's goal is to release a Proposed Plan for long-term cleanup by the end of May 2005. There will be a formal comment period on the plan after its release. EPA will continue to reach out to the community members throughout the year with information that will help the people understand the Proposed Plan and how they can comment.

If you are interested in EPA meeting with your group to provide information in the progress of the cleanup or to discuss your group's specific interests, please call:

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